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A DECORATIVE LAYER )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fees. This amendment is based on the translation of the application **as amended** on November 18, 2000.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, insert as a title prior to the first paragraph --  
A) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION